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1. Zilina-Zvolen-Lenartov line

- a. Zilina-Vrutky. This line is double-tracked, with wooden sleepers laid on a bed of broken stones. In the Vrutky station, the sleepers are metal.
- b. Vrutky-Diviaky. From Vrutky onward the line is single-tracked, with wooden sleepers on a bed of broken stones. Between Turciansky Svaty Martin and Diviaky, there are two temporary wooden bridges and two large tunnels.
- c. Diviaky-Zvolen. Between Horni Stubna and Kremnica, there are three tunnels. Past Kremnica is another tunnel which was cut through unfirm ground having a tendency to sink; it became necessary, therefore, to build large reinforcements to protect the line. Trains travel through this tunnel very slowly. Between Horni Dubrava and Zvolen, there are two bridges over the Hron River.
- d. Zvolen-Lucenec. Zvolen is the junction for the Banska Bystrica line and has a marshalling yard, engine sheds and workshops. Between Zvolen and Viglas there are a number of small bridges and tunnels, and beyond Krivan there is another tunnel. Lucenec is the junction for the lines coming from Hungary and from Bratislava, Czechoslovakia.
- e. Lucenec-Lenartov. Connecting these two places are two large temporary wooden bridges and a number of small ones.

2. Lenartov-Plesivec line. There is one large bridge over the Slana River.

3. Zvolen-Banska Bystrica-Margecany-Kosice line. This line is single tracked through-out, with wooden sleepers on a bed of broken stones. Banska Bystrica is the junction for the line from Diviaky and has engine sheds. On the line between Banska Bystrica and Cervena Skala are two large metal bridges over the Hron River. Between Cervena Skala and Ladova Jaskyna is a tunnel which ascends in three spirals before it ends just before Ladova Jaskyna. Between Ladova Jaskyna and Mnisek there is a wooden bridge over the Hnilec River, and the line runs along a cut in the side of the mountains. Between Mnisek and Margecany there is a wooden bridge over the Hnilec River.

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4. Diviaky-Banska Bystrica line. This is a branch line only; it is single-tracked, with wooden sleepers, and it consists of a succession of tunnels and bridges throughout its entire length.

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